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Fall is right around the corner it is time for your workplace Charity Campaign season, for all Federal, State and City employees. Last year was a great year for the campaigns, Thank you so much for making it a great year. We would like to make this an even better year. Like last year we will be at some of the events, stop by and see us. As always, EVERY dollar you donate to Frisky's goes directly to animal care. Frisky's has NO paid employees, everyone involved with Frisky's is a volunteer. Thank you for your continued support. Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) #37712 • Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC) #7450 • Combined Charity Campaign (CCC) #7684

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We owe so many thank you wishes for all the donations that have come in this past month. We would like to send out a special thank you to all the young people who have helped in so many ways.

Our most unusual story of donation goes to Snowflake, a cock-a-poo who collected money for Frisky's in a dog bowl carried from room to room, that was a very creative way of asking for donations!

Thank you Sarah and Emily Zwolfer for donating the money you collected at your hot chocolate stand—they had used a lemonade stand to raise money for Frisky's during the summer also - very thoughtful girls.

Madeline Rathman asked for items from Frisky's Wish List in lieu of birthday gifts and received a trunk load! Thank You Madeline.

Monsignor Slade Catholic School Kindergarten and First Grade Classes, Students and Teachers collected 2 cars full of items for Frisky's after Joyce and Janice visited their school with an educational exhibit. Just a few words inspired so many, we thank everyone, young and old, who gave to Frisky's; monetary gifts, items from our Wish List, all your emails, letters and phone calls supporting us. With the climbing cost of utilities, your monetary donations help keep us afloat.

We thank all the parents that are guiding their children to care about what is happening to our wildlife.

We also thank all the volunteers for their time and their love; all these gifts are the reason Frisky's is able to remain open. We couldn't do it without you.

Thank you ... thank you...thank you!

Parents, if your child contributed to Frisky's in 2011 and their name is not mentioned here, we apologize. Please email us with your info and we will include your child's name next month.



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A FLIGHT OF FREEDOM

WRITTEN BY JANICE ELLIS



Barred Owl

I have always loved birds. In fact, you might see me parked on the side of the road watching a ribbon of blackbirds streaming across the sky in the fall. Or I might be standing in my yard, face turned up to the sky, watching the red-tail hawks circle over and over, feeling as though I am flying with them. We have a barred owl that comes into our yard as the sun sets and seems to watch over us. He accepts that humans share his personal territory and seems to look down on us with a sense of superiority and sometimes curiosity.

A female barred owl with a sprained wing was brought into Friskys for rehabilitation in December of last year. Jessica Rome had been on her way to a Christmas party and saw the owl sitting in the middle of the exit road she was on. Due to traffic, she needed to loop around coming up the exit road a second time, only to find that now the owl was not where she expected it to be. The owl had moved to the side of the road and Jessica noticed its injured wing as she approached. She knew that even if the owl was able to avoid traffic, it was vulnerable to any animal that passed by. Jessica decided to take the owl with her and after a brief stop over at Animal Welfare, the owl found its way to Frisky's.

The owl needed some TLC and time to recuperate in our flight enclosure, where she could regain her strength and test her flying skills in a protected area. She was immediately taken to the infirmary for our Master Rehabilitator and Director, Colleen Layton-Robbins to check her injuries. She would remain there until she was well enough to go outside. She was put into a small space at first, so she could cause no further injuries to her wing. Eventually, she was placed in our flight enclosure outside where she could spread her wings and test their strength to find the confidence needed to be on her own again. She remained with us until showing signs that her recovery time was over and she no longer needed or desired our help.

So, I drove to Centennial Park and met Park Ranger Steve and his assistant, Rachel. We drove off-road to the far side of the lake and found a perfect spot to release her. It was in a clearing right next to the lake with a wooded area that circled around and behind us. Owls like to get

their bearings in a strange place before taking off. She felt so secure in her enclosure that she wasn't eager to leave it and needed to be poured out gently onto the ground. Once free of the enclosure, her wings were spread out upon the ground. She remained still for a moment, then gently gazed around at her surroundings. When she decided to take flight, it was a beautiful moment. It appeared as though she simply lifted from the ground and then effortlessly flew into the top of a nearby tall tree. She sat still, basking in the sunlight and basking in her new found freedom. After resting, she moved to another tree, where she rested again before moving to yet another. It seemed as though she was still trying to decide her direction, so we drove up the path and turned the truck around. As we came by the clearing again, we saw her soaring high above the tree tops and crossing over the crest of the hill and it was obvious that she had found her direction.. Once again I felt as though I had taken flight with her. I had felt the wind beneath her wings and the swelling of her heart as she recognized that once again freedom was hers. It gave me a moment to reflect on the lesson that the owl offered. Just as an owl waits for its prey to come to it, I was reminded that everything I ever need is within reaching distance. There is no need to look beyond myself for answers and for my own sense of freedom. I am so thankful for this experience and the chance to fly once again.

FRISKY'S PYGMY GOAT MAKES TV DEBUT

Belle, a year and a half old pygmy goat, was featured on WBAL's pet segment on Thursday, February 17th. We have several volunteers that work at Fall's Road Animal Hospital and they asked if we had an unusual farm animal for their adoption special. Within an hour of Belle's TV debut, we received a phone call from Heather Tydings, whose family wanted to adopt not only her, but wanted to know what other ones were available. By Sunday, the three Tydings children could barely contain themselves as they were scheduled to meet all the pygmy goats here at Frisky's. Even Grandma came to see them. Heather brought pictures of their farm, so we could see if it was an appropriate place for the goats. Among their many animals were miniature donkeys, which we know from experience make great friends for the pygmy goats. The donkeys also gave this family the type of experience they needed to make this adoption. We made an appoint-

ment for them to come back in a week when they will be adopting Belle, her twin sister, their mother and a fourth pygmy goat that all came to Frisky's as a group. They were willing to keep all the goats together even though the fourth one sometimes suffers from epileptic seizures.

We are thankful that the Tydings family, Belle's family and Frisky's family found each other to make this adoption come true. Congratulations are in order for all.



Belle

CAN SPRING BE IN THE AIR? Preparing to Transport to a Rehabilitator.

Pattie Bontz is an apprentice at Frisky's and has taken 4 small pink baby squirrels home to foster rehab recently. Can spring be far behind? With all the changes in the weather, we can expect to see baby wildlife early this year. With just a few warm days in a row, the animals are fooled into thinking that spring is already here and that means babies are not far behind.

Springtime is the busiest season at Frisky's because of all the wildlife rescued and brought in for rehabilitation. Many people call us before trying to capture or transport the injured or orphaned animals; some don't. There are things you should know before transporting injured or orphaned wildlife:

PREPARING TO TRANSPORT TO A REHABILITATOR

Prepare a container.

Place a soft cloth on the bottom of a cardboard box or pet carrier with a lid. If it does not have holes, make some.

For smaller animals or birds, use a paper sack or shopping bag with air holes punched in.

Protect yourself

Wear gloves, if possible

Some animals may bite or scratch to protect themselves, even if sick; wild animals commonly have external parasites (fleas, lice, ticks) and may carry disease

Cover the animal with a light sheet or towel.

Gently pick up the animal & put it in the prepared container

Warm the animal (80°) to prevent shock.

Put just one end of the container on a heating pad set on low (do not put the animal on the heating pad)

Or - Fill a hot water bottle with warm water (make sure it does not leak) and wrap in a soft cloth or towel and place near the animal

Leave the animal alone...do not handle or bother it.

Do not force feed anything – the wrong food is harmful

Keep children and pets away

Tape the box shut or roll the top of the paper bag closed.

Keep the animal in a warm, dark, quiet place.

This helps the animal feel secure.

Note exactly where you found the animal.

This is very important for the re-release

Contact a wildlife care center in your area.

Get the animal to a wildlife care center as soon as possible.

Wash your hands and anything the animal was in contact with to prevent the spread of parasites and/or diseases to you or your pet.

Please follow these instructions for the well-being and safety of both the animal and yourself. It is not against the law to transport small animals or birds to a licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator. It is against the law for you to keep them in captivity even if found in your own backyard.

Thank you for making the lives of those in need, a little more cheery

MEDICAL

- >> Pedialyte Fluid Replacement (unflavored)
- > Exam Gloves
- Bandage Wrap
- KY Jelly

FEEDING

- > Cat Food (Dry/Canned)
- > Dog Food (Dry/Canned)
- Jar Baby Food
- Timothy hay
- Gerber Pasta Pick Ups
- Dry Cereals (Less than 3 Grams Sugar)
- Nuts (All Kinds, Prefer No Salt)
- Fruits & Vegetables (Fresh & Canned)
- Juices (Light & No Sugar Added)
- Dry Pasta
- Minute Rice
- Wild Bird Seed

CARE

- > Baby Wipes
- > Avian Mite Spray
- > Flea & Lice Sprays, Powders, Dips, Foggers & Bombs
- > Sevin 5% Dust
- Heavy Duty Pet Dishes
- Kitty Clay Litter (Plain) NOT Clumping
- Frontline
- Plastic Baby Bottles & Nipples
- Pet Water Bottles
- Bottled Water

HOUSE AND BEDDING

- >> Blankets, Sheets, Towels, Linens (New or Used - Must Be Clean)
- Critter Care Bedding
- Bird Toys & Baby Toys

HOUSEKEEPING

- >> Simple Green Cleaner
- >> Disinfecting Wipes
- >> Paper Towels
- > Clorox Clean-Up
- > Plastic Buckets
- > Rubber Gloves
- > Liquid Hand Soap
- > Garbage Bags
- > Zip Lock Bags (All Sizes)
- > Plastic Buckets
- Clorox Bleach
- Scrub Brushes
- Sponges
- Antibacterial Dish Detergent
- Tide with Bleach
- Glass Cleaner
- Baking Soda
- Baking Soda
- Hand Sanitizer

MAINTENANCE

- > Batteries (All Sizes)
- Flashlights
- Pressure Washer
- Diesel Generator

ADMINISTRATIVE

- #10 Envelopes
- VHS Tapes

MISCELLANEOUS

- Big Fish Net Poles
- Animal Catch Poles
- Smoke Detectors
- Fire Extinguishers
- Heavy Duty Ropes
- Bungee Cords

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As always, you can go to our website and safely donate through paypal!



WHAT CAN I DO?

Frisky's is a 501 (c) 3 Organization. Frisky's DOES NOT receive any county, state or federal funding. Frisky's survives only by public donations. All proceeds and donations go directly to the care and welfare of the animals. Please donate an item from the wishlist, or write us a check! Donations, no matter how small are always needed, and they do make a difference. There is a mailbox / bin in the circular driveway at Frisky's where donations may be dropped off.

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If you are interested in collaborative opportunities or donating your time and expertise, please write us with your thoughts, call or email Frisky's.

We try very hard to use your contributions for the most urgent need at the time we receive them. If you would like to restrict this contribution for a specific project, please mark here. _____

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With a donation, your name will be placed on our mailing list to receive The Rescue Record.

ANOTHER WAY TO SEE IT WRITTEN BY HEATHER WANDELL

Imagine you are sitting in your family room, comfy in your recliner with a cup of coffee and watching one of your all time favorite movies. Now imagine an uninvited stranger shows up at your window and starts filming you in the privacy of your own home. What would your reaction be? Oogie, one of Frisky's most loveable primates, got "dissed" by some after viewing the recent Fox 45 News broadcast on Frisky's ongoing zoning issue on February 1st, 2011, when she lunged towards the camera that had invaded her space. A quick Google search on celebrities and the paparazzi will show you that many humans have had the same reaction as Oogie. When you are quick to judge an animal's reaction to something, simply imagine another human doing the same thing to you.

A couple of years ago, I was having an intimate conversation with one of my very favorite Umbrella Cockatoo's, *Sweetie*. We were looking into each other's eyes, her talons gently wrapped around my finger. She seemed to be eating up every loving word I told her of how beautiful and lovely she is. Still "hand in hand" with *Sweetie*, I tuned my eyes for a moment to say hello to her adorable African Gray neighbor, *Old Man*. As no more than a couple of words to Old Man had left my mouth, *Sweetie* dropped her head and gave my hand a sharp nip! Reactionary, I pulled my hand immediately away, saying "Ouch! Why did you do that?" Colleen then said to me, "Imagine you are having a romantic dinner for two with your husband. He is holding your hands across the table, looking into your eyes and telling you how ravishing you look tonight. You return a look that shows you are pleased by his words. Then a beautiful woman walks by your table and his head turns to follow her. What would you do?" Another case of just putting yourself in the animals "shoes".

"Some birds have evolved cognitive abilities far more complex than those of many mammals. Dr Nathan Emery, a neuropsychologist at Cambridge University's department of zoology, suggests that in their cognitive ability, corvids – the bird family that includes crows, ravens, rooks, jackdaws, jays and magpies – rival the great apes and might well be considered 'feathered apes'.

Esther Woolfson, author of, Corvus: A Life with Birds, has lived for years with a variety of these feathered apes. Woolfson doesn't believe that her

birds understand every word she says – the claim beloved of pet owners everywhere – but she does believe they have emotions. "I have seen – or believe that I have seen – in birds, impatience, frustration, anxiety in the urge to impart news, affection, fear, amusement (the last being a difficult one, I admit, to prove, merely on the basis of watching the look on a magpie's face as its booby-trap was successful) and, particularly, joy." (John-Paul Flintoff, The Sunday Times, August 24, 2008, Do Animals have emotions?)

Neurobiologists have discovered physical evidence of non-human animals having emotions. Specific nerve cells that are associated with empathy have been found in both human and non-human primates. "They've also found a brain cell that's common to humans, other primates and whales which plays a part in empathy, intuition and feelings for others." (www.welcomewildlife.com).

Scientists still dispute whether or not animals actually have feelings. Personally, I know they do.....just waiting for science to catch up.

While taping the Fox 45 piece with Oogie, the long lens on the camera was only inches away from her. Two feet around each enclosure is considered part of the animal's personal space. When the camera lens cover dropped on the floor, Oogie was not sure what was causing the sudden noise because she is blind. Her defensive action created a mirrored reaction from the other monkeys. The result gave the impression of unwarranted aggression to some who did not know what had happened "behind the scenes".



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PLEASE SHOW UP AND SPEAK OUT FOR FRISKY'S AT THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011 - 6:30pm

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PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE COME OUT AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT OF FRISKY'S SANCTUARY

Thank you,
Colleen Layton-Robbins

FOR POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENTS, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE - www.friskys.org

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Frisky's does not participate in the sale of any wildlife.

HE'S NOT A LOST CAUSE WRITTEN BY ANDREW ROSEN



Andrew & Buddy

After getting over the loss of my pet cockatoo, I decided that it was time for me to start looking for a new pet bird. After doing some intense searching, I found Buddy through the Petfinder website and I just had to meet Buddy.

The day that I came to meet Buddy, I brought my fiancé with me and the minute we saw Buddy it was an instant attraction, and what even shocked me more was that once Buddy was out and walking around he went to my fiancé first even before he

went to me which was a huge plus. This was a huge step in the right direction because in my family I am usually the animal person, and the fact that Buddy went right to my fiancé without any pushing is a gigantic step in the right direction. Right then and there after spending a bit more time with Buddy my fiancé and I could tell that he was the right bird for us and we adopted him that very day.

Then we got home and that is when the real fun started to begin. The first day and night Buddy was here everything seemed to be fine, and then came day two and the mask of Buddy came off and the real Buddy emerged. The first example that I knew something just wasn't right was when, all of a sudden Buddy no longer was the nice bird who would step up onto my fiancé or my arm. Instead Buddy became a biter and would only come to us on his terms not on mine, and this is completely different than what a bird should ever do to begin with. The second thing that Buddy began to do was he would take it upon himself to climb down on the floor, and then unlike other birds who want to get picked up off the floor especially when people are hovering over them or there are other animals around, Buddy attempted to get even nastier by drawing on your confidence and putting his foot to get onto your hand so he could be picked up off the floor but instead he would then lunge to bite your hand or your fingers. I mean it even got to the point where I got a pair of cowhart gloves that construction workers wear and I attempted to coax Buddy onto my hand off the floor that way but instead Buddy would deliberately test the gloves to see where

the weakest point was and then would bite that point. Now I know after you have read this, you would say that anyone who would ever think of this bird for adoption would be crazy, but I am truly under the belief that there really is still a lot of good in Buddy, and all he needs is someone that is willing to work with him on a daily basis and break him of his bad habits. I really believe that this can be done and that in the end not only will he be broken of those bad habits and be a good family pet again, but he will also show you the true loving nature that Umbrella Cockatoos have.

I can truly say that after working with animals all my life both personally and professionally, I have never been beaten by an animal before because I understand the fact that animal's usually only bite for a particular reason such as being afraid or they are pressured to bite by an outside factor. In the case of Buddy however, he really disproved all my years of working with animals and anything that the experts have written or said because he would just bite for no reason, and I truly believe that he did it just to see what type of reaction he would get. I can also say that in the case of Buddy, not only did he beat me, he did it in the space of three days.

In closing you may ask yourself why am I not only writing about Buddy's bad habits but I am also preaching the fact that he can be a good bird. The reason that I believe that Buddy has gotten all of these bad habits to begin with is because unfortunately he has not been able to get the attention that he really deserves whether it was at other homes or Frisky's. Due to this reason that is why I have taken it upon myself to come out to Frisky's to help Colleen and the great staff of volunteers at Frisky's with not only volunteering myself and my time, but also by working with Buddy on a weekly basis for a couple hours a day, because I really believe in my heart that Buddy truly can be a good family pet in the end. I can also say that if you were to see me around Frisky's on the weekends and asked for my advice towards adopting Buddy, I would tell you, that you need to have a lot of patience with him, be extremely authoritative with him, and also accept the fact that he does have his faults, but deep down underneath all of that bird attitude and feathers is a really sweet bird that is trying so hard to get out and show you what Umbrella Cockatoo love is all about.

Andrew was kind enough to work with Buddy weekly after his return and has been responsible for Buddy's newest adoption to a loving home that we all hope will be his "forever home". This month Andrew has happily adopted four cockatiels from Frisky's.



Andrews Birds

HOARDING IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

If you ask someone about Hoarding, they might start talking about the latest episode that was aired on a TV reality show. But, hoarding truly is a way of life for many. Hoarding is described as a compulsive need to possess and control animals. Most hoarders are women and the most common animals kept by hoarders are cats. But, all types of animals can be the subject of hoarding. A hoarder, male or female, may find that the situation crept up on them without a conscious awareness of just how bad things were getting for the animals and themselves. There are rescue hoarders who believe no one else can care for the animals like they are doing. Then, there are the hoarders who care only about themselves and are indifferent to the animals needs.

When brought to the attention of animal authorities, assistance in resolving the situation is offered and legal actions are taken when needed. In the majority of cases, the animals are confiscated. However, it is only a misdemeanor with small fines and short imprisonments and so almost 100% of the violators return to their lifestyle of hoarding.

As ugly as the truth is, hoarding goes on all around us, in fact, it is likely that it has happened or is possibly happening right now in your own neighborhood. You may know a family member, a friend or a secluded neighbor that seems to be overwhelmed by the numbers of animals they are keeping. In these cases, not only are the animals in danger, but the humans involved are also in danger for their very lives. If they are unwilling to talk with you, then go to the authorities and ask them to check into the situation. The authorities realize that hoarding is a mental health issue and their job is to protect the health and welfare of all animals and humans at risk. If you care enough to get involved, you can call your county Animal Control Department to report any case of suspected hoarding.

Thank you and God Bless you for caring about the animals... Frisky's

MAKING THINGS EASIER AT FRISKY'S WRITTEN BY JANICE ELLIS

I am the Administrative Assistant at Frisky's and Colleen's Personal Assistant. That sounds like a lot, but simply put, my job is to make things run smooth and to do whatever I can to make life easier for Colleen, Scott and everyone at Frisky's.

I have spoken with people who do not have the time to become a regular volunteer many times. I simply remind them that there are more ways to volunteer than people think. Anything at all that needs to be done here, outside of the Exotic's care, can be done by a volunteer. Can you offer your carpentry skills? Or are you a painter, landscaper, electrician, excavator? If you could help with yard work, (Scott is a stickler for keeping up the grounds), if you have experience with trimming rose bushes, if you like weeding, or perhaps gardening, you could offer your services. These talents can be used quite often at Frisky's. But think about helping Colleen or Scott directly. Wouldn't that be helping Frisky's? After all, Scott gives half his salary to the upkeep of Frisky's. After working a 10 hour day, with 2 hours of driving daily, he comes home to work for several more hours at Frisky's before he can retire for the evening, only to repeat it the next day. He barely has time to spend with any of the animals, but he makes time for Gizmo, the monkey he and

Colleen have raised for 22 years. Colleen and Scott's time together is basically the time they discuss what happened that day and what else needs to be done. And Colleen's work is never done either, from feeding and medicating, to laundry and cleaning chores, checking on each and every animal, feeding again, then repeating until a final bed check at night before she finally turns in. (Remember, they are volunteers too.)

I mentioned the obvious cleaning, grounds work and animal care, but try thinking outside the box. We have a supporter, Julie Payne-Funk who recognizes all the physical and mental stress Colleen and Scott are going through and has offered both of them a massage session. To some, that may seem personal, and indeed it is. But...if it reduces the stress they are going through, then they can concentrate more thoroughly and give more of themselves to Frisky's. (as if giving more were possible). Therefore, the massage becomes a way to help Frisky's. So, I ask you to think outside the box and see if there is something you can offer to make life easier at Frisky's. We are all unique and we all have something to offer. What can you do?

SO YOU WANT TO DO WHAT COLLEEN LAYTON-ROBBINS DOES?

REPRINTED FOR FRISKY'S - WRITTEN BY COLLEEN LAYTON-ROBBINS

You knew when you are young that you had compassion for animals in need. So now you want to do something with that. Be forewarned. These are just a few thoughts from the top of my head about all the challenges you will encounter. First you need dedication; second, you need education, license and permits, not just knowledge of wildlife. You'll want to get your expensive pre-rabies shots. You're going to have to give up your home, money and time. Ideally, that part will be easy. Unfortunately, you cannot expect County, State or Federal agencies to help you. They will only provide you with the hoops to jump through, with paperwork to complete and inspections to go through. You will have to learn how to handle and set-up each and every species of animal/bird you have license or permits to accept; striving to give quality of life and housing, providing each species with an enclosure that will be safe with visual, nutritional and activity enrichments. You will need to know wound care, nutrition, animal management, what kind of enclosure is

needed and have one available to place them in with bedding, food, water, lighting or heat. All of these are different for each and every species.

I could go on and on, but I love waking up to this life every day. Yes, my back goes out and I don't. In the summer I have blisters on my hands and feet regularly and sometimes my strength is in how I smell. I've learned how to live with double and triple locking every enclosure and every door I pass through and with surveillance watching my every move. I also live with an encroaching development, the disgruntled neighbor that moved in after the fact, and unpredictable support.

That does not make me or break me, we don't move, we don't give up. We strive to do the best in providing welfare, so we continue on. I strive to be a Blessing in every life that crosses mine everyday. It's who I am and it's who Frisky's volunteers are. We're not the type to change.

OVER 80 RABBITS LOOKING FOR IMMEDIATE HOMES

Amy Bourasseau is an apprentice at Frisky's and is currently foster rehabbing 6 baby bunnies, which we call the 6 pack. These bunnies and 9 others were confiscated by Howard County Animal Control where over 80 rabbits were seized. Kerri Rowe and Joyce Dietsch also were willing to take home small furry bundles to foster. Joyce is also an apprentice with Frisky's. Kerri is our Jr. Administrative Facilitator and she

and her mom became foster parents for some of these bunnies. Even though we have willing foster parents for these bunnies, they need to find permanent homes. Starting the first week in March, our bunnies will reach the ages to be adopted. There is an immediate need for families that are willing to adopt these rabbits. Frisky's and Howard County Animal Control are asking \$30 as the adoption fee for each spayed/neutered bunny.

Our bunnies are listed on petfinder.com with pictures.

Be sure to read our reprint of Amy Bourasseau's flier "HERE'S THE TRUTH!" (The original was written a few years ago) We hope it will answer your questions about why Frisky's has monkeys.



EAGLE FINDS SANCTUARY

A RESCUE OF MAN AND A MAJESTIC BIRD OF PREY

WRITTEN BY JANICE ELLIS



A mature male Bald Eagle was brought into Frisky's on February 5th by the Reich family. Kevin Reich was taking a Christian nature walk earlier that evening when he heard wild splashing and saw a Bald Eagle struggling

in the water about ten feet away from where he was standing. The Eagle tried to swim away from Kevin, but Kevin continued to observe it. The Eagle obviously had an injured wing, but when he opened his wings they spread to seven feet wide. Kevin realized that the Eagle would need assistance if it were to escape the icy cold Patapsco River. He tried to help the Eagle for over an hour with his walking stick. When he was only two feet away he was able to help the Eagle over to a fallen tree in the center of the river, but it was not enough. The Eagle's wings were just strong enough to pull it up on the tree. Soaking wet by then, Kevin called home to ask for help. His Mom, Kendie called Frisky's and Colleen began to warn her that physical contact with the bird must be done carefully, for the sake of all involved. At Colleen's advice, the Dad, Kevin, made a call to Prince George's County Animal Control.

The Reich Family and Animal Control Officers had a treacherous, 1/2 mile hike downhill to the river. It was only 30° by then and the pathway was very dark. The Eagle was still resting on the fallen tree in the middle of the river and Kevin was on the other side trying to find the best way to retrieve the bird safely. . . The Officers were going to call for additional help, but the father went into the river, which was not only cold, but at least 4 feet deep and the current was very swift. Through the cold icy water, he made his way to the Eagle.

With large heavy gloved hands, he grabbed the Eagle by its talons and the Eagle grabbed on to him. They became one for the next 2 1/2 hours. He had to cross the swift current in the 4 feet of icy cold water once more to bring the Eagle back to safety. Once they were back on dry land, the Reich family and Animal Control officers began the uphill climb to make their way out of the wooded area with the Eagle, but the excitement was not over yet. Officer Washington became physically distressed and passed out. Kendie Reich is an RN and she performed triage and gave him the necessary care until 911 was called. It took 6 firemen to carry him up the steep and dangerous embankment where he was taken by ambulance to Laurel Regional Hospital ER. Knowing the officer was being well taken care of, the Reich family delivered the Eagle to Frisky's at 9:45 that evening.

While the Reich family had been involved in the rescuing of the Eagle and Officer Washington,

Colleen, Frisky's Master Rehabilitator, was preparing for their arrival. She started preparing the examining space and setting up a holding area for the Eagle to be placed in immediately. She put in a call to Frisky's on-call vet, Dr. Keith Gold of Chadwell Animal Hospital. As Dr. Gold answered, Colleen could hear him say to his wife in the background, "its ok, Colleen would only be calling me at this hour if it was an emergency." Dr. Gold spoke with Colleen about the specifics for the treatment of this magnificent bird. She was well informed and very concerned about what was about to happen.

When the Reich family arrived, the Eagle was still being held in the arms of Kevin's father and the Eagle had its talons wrapped tightly around his gloved fingers as though it was the only security to be found at that time. The Eagle was drenched and looked as though it had been struggling to stay alive for some time. It was emaciated and weak and could hardly raise its head. Upon examination by Colleen, it was discovered to have a wound on its left shoulder, leaving the wing limp and hanging. It was obvious that it may not have survived much longer if Kevin's path had not led him to that very spot.

One of our volunteers, Ashley Vanderloop, was available to help Colleen. Ashley had worked at Raptor Rescue in Colorado during her college years and now she had the experiences and her education from there to share with Colleen as they worked together side by side throughout the entire night.

First thing Sunday morning, Colleen, with two apprentices, Joyce and Matt Dietsch, drove over to Dr. Gold's office with the Eagle. Dr. Gold performed a complete examination, checked its weight, and then took x-rays. Dr. Gold prescribed medications, diet and vitamins with plenty of quiet rest for the next two weeks. Then he shared some sad news, the Eagle's injury was not a circumstance of nature..

It made everyone so angry to realize that the wound on the Eagle's shoulder was caused from a gun shot. They still hear gunshots daily in the area where Kevin found the Eagle and we are unsure of their nature. We would like to see the Eagle be returned home after its rehabilitation because Eagles mate for life, but the decision for where he is released will be made by the USFW when the time comes.

While the Eagle is still in a smaller protective enclosure, we are making improvements to our largest flight enclosure, which has been empty since we released our Barred Owl. We are taking this opportunity to do a heavy cleaning; we are refurbishing some of the perches and replacing the stone floor. All these things need to be done ever so often, but the enclosure is not often empty, so we are doing all that we can do before

the Eagle is introduced to this larger space. It will need adequate room to fly when as it is recuperating and a place to bathe regularly.

David Buhlman donated a truckload of stone for the floor of the enclosure. Now, please understand, we love our volunteers, but there are times when things just don't go as planned. The day that the stone needed to be wheelbarrowed and raked smooth in the enclosure, we had many volunteers lined up to help. However, when the day rolled around, we had illnesses, work and other last minute reasons that kept them all from coming in. But we knew it would all get done.



Colleen and Scott

Amy Brouseau unexpectedly came in that day and took care of all the rabbits, chinchilla, minks, coati mundi, and squirrels and did lots of extra things to help out. That meant that Colleen and Scott were outside doing all the shoveling, wheelbarrowing and raking the stone throughout the day. But then, neither of them have ever been afraid of hard work and it had to be done. The Eagle was to have the best care we could offer.

Bald Eagle rehabilitation is governed under Federal Fish and Wildlife Service and very precise records need to be kept. Colleen must keep records of the Eagle's health, medications and all procedures done. She photographs the Eagle daily as well as examines it for the brightness of its eyes, the condition of its feathers and pellets, the way it holds itself erect, its perching and its fisting.

Colleen records how much the Eagle eats at each feeding and whether it is passive or excited about the fresh fish she has just offered it. The Eagle appears to be making a fist as it holds half of the fish out in a territorial display, as though nothing ever happened, but we know better. We also know that everyday it grows stronger and very soon now it will be moved to the large flight enclosure where hopefully its wings will lift it into the air again.

To Be Continued.....

Officer Washington was recovering well at the ER when the Reich family visited him later that night.

All of us that are involved in this Eagle's life now, know that there was Purpose in Kevin finding the Eagle and being led to Frisky's. When there is a storm that seems impenetrable, the Eagle can soar upward on the winds and use the very storm that seems threatening to rise above it all. Let's hope we all learn something from this. For many years now, Frisky's has been caught up in a storm and the Eagle reminds us that we too can rise above it.



Flight Pen

WHEN ADOPTING AN ANIMAL

WRITTEN BY KERRI ROWE - FRISKY'S JR. ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITATOR

We have many adoptable animals at Frisky's, but before you jump right into adopting an animal you need to think about a few things. First, you need to know about this animal. About what it eats, the type of care it will need, and everything in-between. Second, you need to think hard about if you have the time to care for this animal and it's every need. Third, you have to know if you have the right amount of space for the animal and the right type of enclosure. Fourth, remember all cleaning supplies used around the animal need to be non-toxic. Fifth, keep in mind that we recommend an annual visit to your vet. These are only a few of the things you need to think about but there are many more..

At Frisky's you can adopt rabbits, goats, birds, and a chinchilla. All the rabbits for adoption here are very friendly. If you adopt a rabbit it should always get attention from you. You shouldn't leave it in its enclosure twenty-four hours a day, it should be getting exercise. The rabbits diet is different from other animals so make sure you know what type of pellets to feed them and fresh vegetables will be perfect for them to have as an extra. They should always have hay, which reduces the danger of them getting hairballs or other blockages.

If you're thinking about adopting a pygmy goat then you will need to make sure you have done enough research to know how to take care of them. You should have the proper amount of land for them and know how much and when to feed them. Pygmy goats should also have hay at all times to provide them with the energy, protein, fiber, minerals and vitamins. They should be in a good sized pasture. These goats do need attention too and should always be adopted in a pair.

When adopting a bird you will need to give it your full attention. They are like having a baby in your house. The birds have specific diets and shouldn't be put in stressful situations. The birds

get stressed out easily. When the Goffin Cockatoos clean themselves and groom their feathers the powder from them will go everywhere. So if you have asthma or any problem relating to that then you shouldn't be adopting a bird. The Goffin Cockatoos also need to be handled more to get used to humans. They like to waste their food more than they eat it so be prepared to clean daily.

The Chinchilla will need a lot of attention. He eats specific Chinchilla pellets made from timothy hay. They need their daily exercise and should be in an enclosure with more than one level. When you adopt a chinchilla you need to baby proof the house. Chinchillas should not have a lot of sugary treats. They should also have fresh vegetables such as carrots, green beans, pea pods, squash, etc.

I don't want to discourage anyone from adopting a pet, just the opposite. No matter what, you always need to know about the animal before you ever adopt one. Also you need to make sure you have everything you need and be prepared before you bring the animal home.

Please contact us if you are interested in adopting any of the types of pets mentioned, or look us up on petfinder.com



Kerri Rowe

TAKING CARE OF ANIMALS

WRITTEN BY KATHLEEN MURPHY

A Gifted and Talented Student at Mt. Hebron High School

In the past five months while volunteering at Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary, I have learned how to take care of several animals, and I continue to learn about more. The first furry friend that I was introduced to at Frisky's was Alice the mink. While taking care of her, I learned her needs and some of her personality quirks. Now, if you have ever come across a mink you might know that they're not the friendliest of God's furry creatures. I have learned how to safely clean their enclosures. One of Alice's special characteristics, however, is that she loves water. I have learned to always give her water last, because if I don't, I am gifted with a shower when she attempts to swim in her water bowl.

While minks might not be my first choice in cuddle partners, the rabbits would be. Their soft, fluffy coats are so hard to resist, but when you add in their lovable attitude it becomes impossible to not just love them. I am always greeted with soft nose kisses when I give the rabbits fresh food and water. When I empty their trays to freshen up their enclosures, they watch me with big brown eyes, almost like they're saying thank you. In January, I got my first glimpse of a baby bunny when Frisky's received six bunnies from a house that had a few too many. All six were so young that they needed to be hand fed. They could easily fit in the palm of my hand when they adorably sucked on the syringes that held their formula.

I would never call the exotic birds cuddly, but they are enticing with their friendly chitchat and songs. Every time that I enter their house, I am greeted with cheery squeaks and squawks of hello. There is always some form of conversation when I am working around the birds. I miss my old friend Buddy the cockatoo who was recently adopted. He always announced his undying love for me, but I

knew he was a fickle bird. I heard him, many times announce his love to anyone who walked by. We used to sing together when I was cleaning out his enclosure; our song was "I'll Stop the World to Melt With You".

It is amazing to me how each animal has a unique personality. Every one of them has their lovable and not so lovable traits about them. At the end of the day I am glad they have a safe and nurturing environment to call their home.



Kathleen Murphy & Colleen Layton-Robbins